

# Help the Oregon Progressive Party with Your 2024 Oregon Political Contribution Tax Credit!



You must donate by year end to claim your 2024 tax credit up to \$50 per person.

 **DONATION**

December 31st is the last day for you to use your 2024 Oregon state income tax credit for political contributions.

The credit is equal to the amounts of your qualifying political contributions during 2024, up to \$50 per person or \$100 per couple. You can contribute those amounts to the Oregon Progressive Party and get it all back on your 2024 state income tax return (the one you file in 2025).

You are eligible if:

- You are an Oregon resident.
- You will submit an Oregon tax return for 2024 (in 2025).
- Your adjusted gross income was less than \$75,000 (or less than \$150,000 for couples filing jointly).

## Oregon Campaign Finance Reform

The Oregon Progressive Party ("OPP") has led the way to achieve real campaign finance reform in Oregon.

**We are central to the coalition of democracy-focused groups that wrote Initiative Petition 9 for the November 2024 ballot and gathered over 100,000 signatures for it. See [Honest Elections Oregon](#).**

**[This effort resulted in the Oregon Legislature passing HB 4024 in March 2024--the first time it has adopted limits on political campaign contributions in Oregon history.](#)**

The big money interests ran to the 2024 short session of the Oregon Legislature to have the Legislature put a phony "campaign finance reform" measure on the same ballot. Then the Legislature would write its own ballot title and explanatory statement for the Oregon Voters' Pamphlet, claiming that its measure was the real reform--the same message that business and labor interests were planning to spend untold millions of dollars to spread.

Uncertain of their ability to pull it off, the business and labor interests agreed to support a compromise with real campaign contribution limits and real disclosure requirements for dark money, although not ideal. [Honest Elections Oregon negotiated dozens of improvements to the "compromise bill," and the Legislature passed HB 4024 in March 2024.](#)

**In 2016 OPP played a pivotal role in earning the 89% "yes" vote victory on the Multnomah County Charter Campaign Finance Reform Measure 26-184.** It was OPP members on the County Charter Review Committee that led the effort to put the measure on the ballot. The measure prohibits all corporate campaign contributions, limits individual contributions to \$500, and requires that political ads name their 5 largest funders.

**In 2018 OPP again played a pivotal role in earning the 87.4% "yes" vote victory on the Portland City Charter Campaign Finance Reform Measure 26-200, which adopted the same changes.**

The Oregon Supreme Court in April 2020 cleared the way for campaign contribution limits and effective disclosure requirements in Oregon. This culminated a 14-year fight by our attorney, Dan Meek, to get this reversal.

In November 2020 Oregon voters enacted Measure 107 with a 78% "yes" vote. It authorizes both the state government and local governments to adopt limits on contributions and disclosure requirements, including requiring political ads to identify their funders. It also authorizes the people using the initiative power to adopt such laws.

### **[If you want to run for public office, LET US KNOW!](#)**

The Oregon Progressive Party testifies on nearly 100 bills during regular sessions of the Oregon Legislature--more than all other Oregon minor political parties. We were very often the only progressive voice in the room (or on the Zoom).

### **The Oregon Progressive Party is working hard to achieve results that both major parties do not really support:**

- Enact real campaign finance reform in Oregon
  - Limit political campaign contributions; ban those by corporations
  - Require all political ads to identify their top 4 donors
- Cut military spending (now \$895 billion per year), foreign bases and foreign entanglements (we opposed the Democrats' record 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 military spending bills)
- Create independent redistricting commission to define districts for Oregon Legislature and U.S. Congress
- Enact Medicare for All (single-payer) comprehensive health care
- Increase minimum wages (to \$24 or more, now) for everyone
- Enact carbon taxes and other policies to combat climate change
- End tax subsidies that encourage forest clearcutting; control aerial spraying of pesticides
- Implement Instant Runoff Voting (either STAR Voting or Ranked Choice Voting) for all elections of public officials
- End the Electoral College; elect Presidents by popular vote
- End police violence and unequal treatment
- End "corporate personhood" and "money is speech"
- Oppose Wall Street bailouts and big tech giveaways
- Achieve employment for all (public works, WPA style)
- Safeguard the Social Security and Medicare programs from cuts and privatization
- End funding for the military industrial congressional complex; end the endless wars and new wars in Ukraine
- Oppose "free trade" agreements that do not include strong enforceable provisions for protection of labor rights and the environment; support local products & services

- Oppose Pacific export terminals for fossil fuels and the trains that bring them (coal, oil, LNG)
- Increase federal and Oregon taxes on corporations and the wealthy; reduce taxes on the not wealthy; close loopholes
- Create State and municipal banks and stop sending \$1 billion of Oregon taxpayer money to Wall Street every year in fees and high interest rates
- Enable effective use of the initiative and referendum powers in the age of social isolation due to the internet
- Reduce toxic emissions; replace diesel delivery trucks in the Portland area with human-electric powered small vehicles, as adopted in several cities in Europe

[Our Monthly Meetings are 6 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month on Zoom.](#)

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